

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 2-7.

Figure 4 was objected to as showing the resistor R4 coupled to the positive terminal of the equivalent amplifier. Accordingly, applicant submits here proposed amended figures 3 and 4. The proposed amendments switch the plurality of the input terminals of the operational amplifier. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the figures be withdrawn.

The specification was objected as reciting that resistor R4 is coupled to the positive input terminal of the equivalent operational amplifier. As noted above, Applicant has amended the figures to address the concerns of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to address the concerns of the Examiner. Additionally, applicant has cancelled claim 12. It is respectfully submitted that all claims now fully comply with 35 USC §112 and therefore, is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) being anticipated by Wouters et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,158,824).

Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wouters et al.

These rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable.

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The remaining claims all depend either directly or indirectly, on allowable claim 1 and therefore, they are allowable for at least the reasons claim 1 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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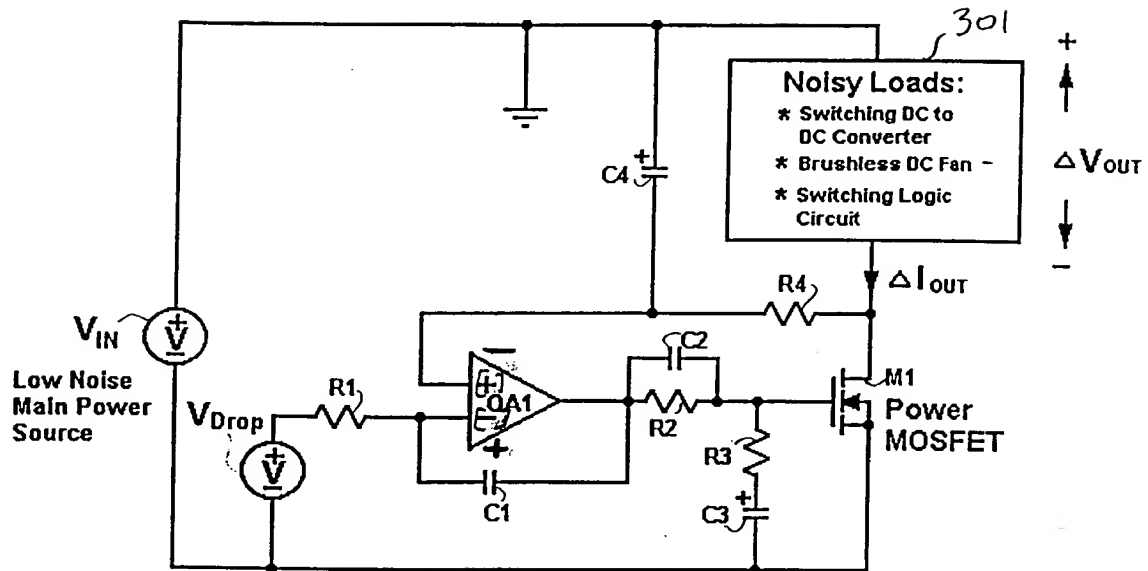


FIGURE 3

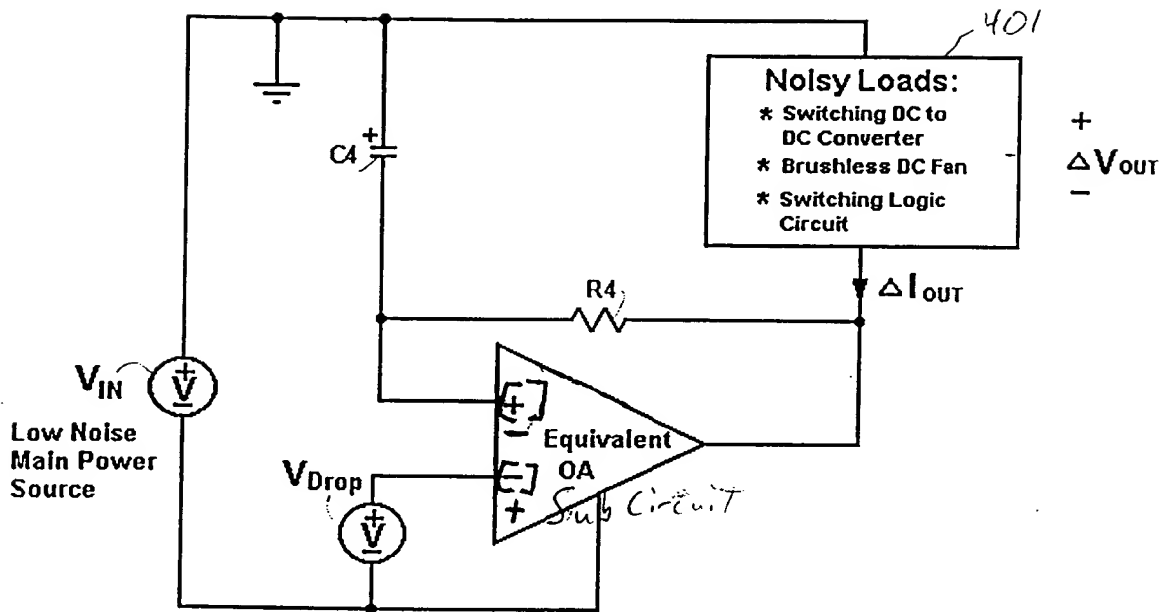


FIGURE 4